(b) whether the price of indigenous steel is higher than the prevailing international price; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) SAIL is selling common categories of steel in the domestic market at prices announced by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) from time to time. Table below indicates the JPC base prices and published international prices for exports of some of the commonly used items of steel:—

International Price (converted to Indian Rs.) (As on 19/20-7-1984)

Category	JPC Price (Rs./Tonne) +	Price net of levies *	LMB Price FOB (Rs./T) **	JMB Price FOB (Rs./T) ×
Merchant Bars	4650/4900	3312/3562	2583	2927
Wire Rods	4900	3562	2813	4294
Sections upto 600 mm . . .	5110/5220	3672/3782	2755	2927
HR Coils/Sheets	5000/5705	3430/4262	2698	3720
Plates over 10 mm	5650	4190	3042	3398
Plates 10 mm & below. . . .	5230	3770	3042	3559
CR Coils/Sheets	6385/7000	4595/5210	3674	4523
Galvanised Sheets/Coils . . .	6660/10380	4800/8520	4041	5706

\+ FOR Destination

* Like Excise Duty, Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund (EGEAF), Steel Development Fund (SDF), & Equalised Railway Freight element

** European Coal & Steel Community Mills

× Japan.

Prices for exports of steel are generally kept below the levels at which identical categories are sold in the domestic market. While the domestic prices in India include levies like Excise Duty, Contribution to Engineering Goods Export Assistance Fund, Steel Development Fund and Equalised Railway Freight element and JPC Cess; published international f.o.b. prices do not include ocean freight; handling, clearing and other port charges; import duties and inland transport cost which the consumer has to bear in case of imported steel.

Visit of the Senegal President to India

1779. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Senegalese President visited India during the 1st week of July, 1984; and

(b) if so, the nature of talks held with him and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During President Diouf's brief transit held in New Delhe on July 3-4, 1984, views on matters of mutual interest were exchanged. The Senegalese President's desire to have increased cooperation in various fields, including economic and cultural, between the two countries, was fully reciprocated by our President and the P.M.

Collection of funds by Hardayal Singh, self-styled Governor General of Khalistan

1780. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Telegraph' (Calcutta) on 23rd June, 1984 to the effect that Hardayal Singh, the self-styled Governor General of Khalistan went to California to collect money in support of himself and for eight other Sikh extremists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item in question which has been circulated by Los Angeles Times—Washington Post News Service. Government are aware of the pro-Khalistan activities of some individuals abroad but the name of Hardayal Singh has not come to notice as one of the leaders. Government have been countering the extremists' propaganda abroad by maintaining contacts with the Press and providing audio and video cassettes to the ethnic media, Indian Associations, prominent individuals etc.

राजभाषा विभाग के निरीक्षण स्कन्ध द्वारा केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण

1781. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी से 31 मार्च, 1983 के बीच राजभाषा विभाग की ओर से कितने कार्यालयों का हिन्दी के प्रयोग से संबंध में निरीक्षण किया गया था ;

(ख) 1 अप्रैल से 30 जून, 1983 के बीच कितने कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया ;

(ग) 1 जुलाई से 30 सितम्बर, 1983 के बीच कितने कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया ; और

(घ) उपर्युक्त अवधियों के बीच कितने कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया, उनमें (i) पत्राचार में हिन्दी के प्रयोग, (ii) हिन्दी टाइपराइटरों की व्यवस्था और (iii) सामान्य आदेशों को द्विभाषिक जारी करने के संबंध में तुलनात्मक आंकड़े क्या हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) 1 जनवरी, 1983 से 31 मार्च, 1983 के बीच राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा 49 कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया।

(ख) 1 अप्रैल से 30 जून, 1983 बीच 112 कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया।

(ग) 1 जुलाई से 30 सितम्बर, 1983 के बीच 67 कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया।

(घ) जिन कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया जाता है उनकी तिमाही रिपोर्ट की समीक्षा की जाती है और जो कमियां होती हैं उनके बारे में निरीक्षण के साथ बता दिया जाता है। कार्यालयों का तुलनात्मक विवरण रखने की कोई प्रथा नहीं है।